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SUBJECT: REPORTED DISAPPEARANCE OF SENIOR ROMANIAN OFFICIAL

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1. A GERMAN DAILY REPORTS THAT ION PACEPA HAS DEFECTED AND IS PRESENTLY AT A CIA HOUSE IN FRANKFURT. ANOTHER DAILY QUOTES GERMAN GOVERNMENT CIRCLES AS STATING ONE SHOULD NOT ASSUME PACEPA IS A WESTERN AGENT AND THERE MAY HAVE BEEN OTHER MOTIVES FOR HIS DISAPPEARANCE. FRG SPOKESMAN BOELLING HAS TERMED THE CASE A "POLICE MATTER."

2. THE AUGUST 3 EDITION OF THE "BONNER RUNDSCHAU" REPORTS THAT PACEPA WAS LAST SEEN IN THE RESTAURANT SION, IN THE OLD TOWN OF COLOGNE ON JULY 28. THE PAPER SAYS "UNOFFICIAL SOURCES" HAVE RECONSTRUCTED HIS SUBSEQUENT PATH AS FOLLOWS: "AFTER A SHORT STAY AT A GERMAN AGENCY, PACEPA WAS DRIVEN TO FRANKFURT WHERE HE IS PRESENTLY IN A HOUSE -- WITHOUT A NAME -- LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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ON FRIEDRICHSTR., ACROSS THE STREET FROM THE US CONSULATE GENERAL. A SPECIAL UNIT OF THE CIA RESIDES IN THIS HOUSE." ACCORDING TO THE ARTICLE, PACEPA'S MOTIVE FOR DEFECTING IS UNKNOWN.

3. THE AUGUST 3 EDITION OF THE GENERAL ANZEIGER QUOTES FRG CIRCLES AS SAYING THERE ARE INDICATIONS THAT PACEPA

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DROPPED OUT OF SIGHT OF HIS OWN FREE WILL. ACCORDING
TO THE PAPER, THESE SAME CIRCLES SAY IT SHOULD NOT
BE ASSUMED THAT PACEPA WAS A WESTERN INTELLIGENCE AGENT
SINCE HE MAY HAVE HAD OTHER MOTIVES FOR HIS DISAPPEARANCE

4. BOTH PAPERS QUOTE GERMAN BUSINESS AND ECONOMIC
MINISTRY SOURCES AS DESCRIBING PACEPA AS AN IMPORTANT
MAN AND A CLOSE CONFIDENT OF CEAUSESCU. ACCORDING TO
THE GENERAL ANZEIGER, PACEPA IS A STATE SECRETARY IN THE
ROMANIAN COUNCIL OF MINISTERS AND WAS OFTEN IN BONN AS
A NEGOTIATOR.

5. IN RESPONSE TO A QUERY ON AUGUST 2, FRG SPOKESMAN
BOELLING SAID THE GOVERNMENT WAS NOT INVOLVED IN THE
PACEPA CASE. BOELLING TERMED IT A "POLICE
MATTER."
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